





April 30th.—The Lake of Tiberias is said to be about 600 feet below the level of the Mediterranean, and being surrounded by high mountains its shores are generally found to be hot and unhealthy. Yesterday afternoon the thermometer was 78; this morning was also very hot, but a fresh breeze sprang up from the west and cooled the air sufficiently to make our ride pleasant. We skirted the shores of the lake northward for nine or ten miles, escorted by three troopers supplied by the Governor, and returning to the same camp at night. The winding path led us first along a steep hill-side strewn with blocks of basalt, having columns, and precipices of the same rock on either side; then, through a piece of level arable land at the mouth of a ravine, and on to a hill-side covered with low bushes and flowering with hollyhocks, oleanders, and other showy flowers. Ascending again we wound round another spur of the mountain, whence we had a good view of the plain of Gennesaret and the sinuous shore beyond. On these slopes were flocks of white sheep and black goats, the

While wandering about this place I got out of sight of my companions and was immediately pounced upon by a native heavily armed as usual with long gun and pistols. He proceeded in angry tones to demand compensation for damage he asserted I had done by walking among his growing corn (I had in fact been careful to keep to the beaten tracks among the cultivation), but the spears of our guard happening to come in sight at this juncture, he thought it more prudent to cut short the argument and be off.

From Tell Hum we retraced our steps to Tiberias, which we reached about four o'clock. Here we found fresh arrivals—a party of four young Englishmen who I had met at Jerusalem.

The evening was a fit close to a very pleasant day, the interest of the road having been enhanced by the beauty of the weather, and the refreshing coolness of the westerly breeze, so grateful after the heat of Tiberias. We were, so gratefully under the day's journey a great success, and wondered why this route had not been made conspicuous in the Handbook. We had seen no plain like El Buttauf for agrarian richness and sylvan beauty, no town like Shaf-Amr for picturesque effects, and no grove of olives like that surrounding our camp. Apropos to the olive-tree, there is an eloquent passage about it in Ruskin's "Stones of Venice," which I am tempted to quote. He is discussing the relation between symbolism and imitation in painting, and as an example of the former he describes the mode of representing olive-trees in mosaic on one of the cupolas of St. Mark's. He observes further that modern picture galleries are full of landscapes from countries where this tree is common, and in these pictures its foliage ought to be a prominent feature. "And here," he goes on to say, "I challenge the untravell'd English reader to tell me what an olive-tree is like. I know he cannot answer my challenge. He has no more ideas of an olive-tree than if olives grew only in the fixed stars. Let him meditate a little on this one fact, and consider its strangeness, and what a wilful and constant closing of the eyes to the most important truths it indicates on the part of the modern artist. Observe, a want of perception, not of science.

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## STUDIES AND LEGAL EDUCATION.

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Ecological Observations for the week ending August 27, 1964.

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## SALES BY AUCTION.

To Town Draymen, and others.

Windsor Cart Horses.

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Miller, Windsor, to sell by auction, at their

rooms, 111, George-street, at 11 o'clock,

1000 cart horses, in good condition, and will

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At No. 1, Gothic Villa, Ocean-street, Woolahra,

near the Municipal Council Chambers.

By order of the Executors of the late John Morris, Esq.,

Official Assignee.

Nigra and substantial Household Furniture

Very handsome and brilliant-toned Trichord Cottage Piano-

forte, 7 octaves, by Kikman, in elegant rosewood

case, and ambrail with ivory keys, and carved turned

legs, cost in London 75 guineas.

Drawing-room Suite, covered in green silk damask

Rosewood Chiffoniers, with Glass Doors and Marble

Slab Top.

Ornate, Statuettes, Lustres, Carpets

Glass, China, Plateware

Superior Bedsteads, Bedding

Books, Laurie's Internet Table

Bourke's Penicill, M. Gullion's Commercial Dictionary

Shakespeare's Works, and other valuable

Kitchen Utensils and Sundries.

Messrs. BRADLEY and NEWTON have

received instructions to sell by auction, at

the premises, Ocean-street, Woolahra, on TUESDAY,

September 6th, at 11 o'clock,

Elegant and substantial household furniture and effects.

Terms, cash.

Catalogue may be obtained on application at the rooms

of the auctioneers, 230, George-street.

On WEDNESDAY, September 7th, at 11 o'clock,

Continuation Sale at Robertson's Carriage Factory,

Pitt-street South,

American Buggy, Dogcart

Grocers' and Butchers' Carts

Express Waggon, Bicycles

Metal Phantoms, Wagonettes

Bakers' Carts, Single and Double Harness

Coachmakers' Materials

Superior Bedsteads, Bedding

20,000 Feet American Ash and Hickory

Turkey Sponges, &amp;c., &amp;c.

Terms, cash.

Messrs. BRADLEY and NEWTON have

received instructions to sell by auction, at

the premises, Pitt-street, at 10 o'clock sharp, at

Mr. A. Allen's, 586, George-street,

Sundry lots of ironmongery, shelving, &amp;c.

At the risk of the former purchasers.

Terms, cash.

MR. H. D. COCKBURN will sell by

auction, THIS DAY, at 11 o'clock, at his

rooms, 111, George-street,

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Established 1840, Auction Mart, corner of Pitt and

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Sole of Old Building Materials, next to Australian Joint

Stock Bank, George-street, Sydney, to make room for

the new Bank buildings.

TUESDAY, 6th September, at 12 o'clock.

MR. H. D. COCKBURN is instructed to

sell by public auction, on the ground

adjacent to the Australian Joint Stock Bank, on TUES-

DAY, the 6th instant, at noon,

The old materials of the shop-building adjoining the

south and east of the Bank, Sydney.

The whole of the materials must be cleared away on or

before Saturday, the 10th instant.

Terms, cash.

W. CREGO has received instructions to sell

by auction, at his rooms, 55, Market-street,

Dining, tea, and card tables, sideboards, chests of

drawers, paper masses, and household seated chairs,

each cover, wire dinner, bed and wooden bedsteads,

pictures, draped cushions, books, clothing, books,

gold watches, confectionery, and sundries.

Terms, cash.

California Flour and Wheat.

50 Tons Flour

3000 Bushels Wheat

For Unreserved Auction Sale, at the Store of Messrs.

Brown and Son, Market Wharf.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON next, 7th instant.

Time—Half-past 2 o'clock prompt.

On account of whom it may concern.

Ex Locusts, master, from California.

More or less damaged.

To Bakers

To Speculators

To Millers

To Country Buyers, and others.

FOTHERINGHAM and MULLEN have

received instructions to sell by auction, at

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